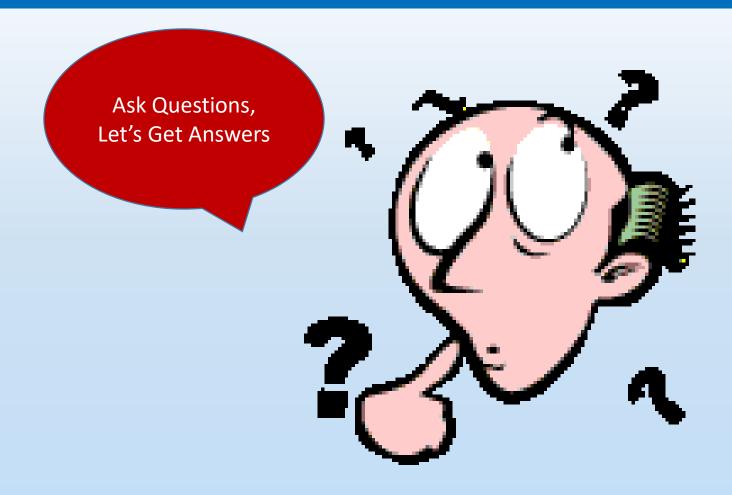
Compliance Course Overview Q & A





Water Operator Licensing Review Recent Rule & Program Changes !!!

- July 2019 to June 30, 2021 Renewal Hours WAIVED
 - June 2021 Renewal Invoiced Pay Fee License Renewed
 - No Training Documentation Required
 - 2021-2023 Renewal Returns to Normal Hour Requirements
 - Does Not Apply Wastewater License Contact ADEQ For Renewal Changes
- Criminal History Review Added To License Requirements
 - Does Not Apply to License Holders Prior To February 2019
 - If Applicant Has Criminal History
 - <u>CRITICAL</u> Request Pre-licensure Determination <u>Before Starting</u> Licensing Efforts
 - Not All Offenses Result In Loss Of License Capability
 - License Committee Waiver May Also Be Available



Examination Preparation Steps



Obtain A License Website www.healthy.arkansas.gov/water-license Step by Step Obtaining A License Process

Application and Fee's

Mandatory Training

Registering for Exam

ABC "Needs-to-Know" and Study Materials

Reference Manuals Study



Paper Exams 45 Day Advance Registration/Schedule Notice Required!!!

Examinee Must Reserve/Register For Exam

Examinees **must** formally register/schedule their exam at least <u>45 days</u> prior to the desired exam session date.

To register on the internet go to www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng and click/select: Exam Registration – Left side link listing Obtain A License Webpage

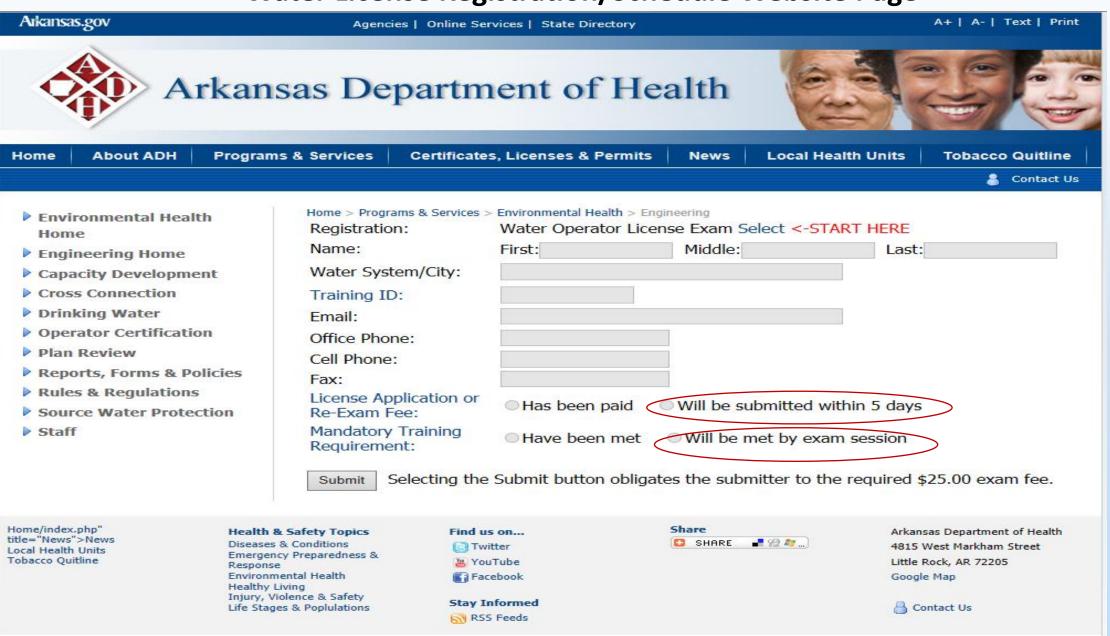
For Registration Assistance e-mail questions to:

ADH.Water.Licensing@arkansas.gov.

Contact Water Licensing Program at: (501) 661-2623.



Water License Registration/Schedule Website Page





Information Needed For Registration/Schedule

To register for an exam, in addition to the actual registration process, the examinee must address the following:

- Required license application submitted (Short grace period allowed)
- > Paid required exam / re-exam fee (Short grace period allowed)
- > Training attendance requirements met by the time of examination
 - Document the ability to meet the mandatory training
 - Submit completion certificates after registering for exam
 - Provide Training schedule for courses not yet attended

Note: Failure to attend the registered exam session may result in the forfeiture of the exam fee.



ABC Standardized Exam Preparation

Use 2017 ABC's "Need-to-Know"

Use ABC "Formula/Conversion Table"

Use their prescribed list of reference manuals

All mandatory courses must be attended prior to exam

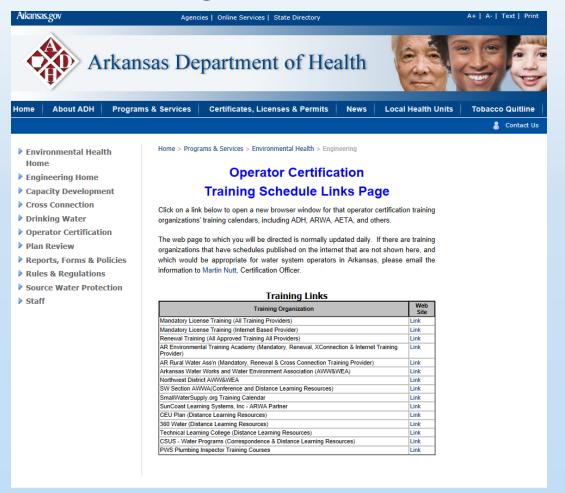
Additional information on our Website: www.Healthy.Arkansas.gov/water-license



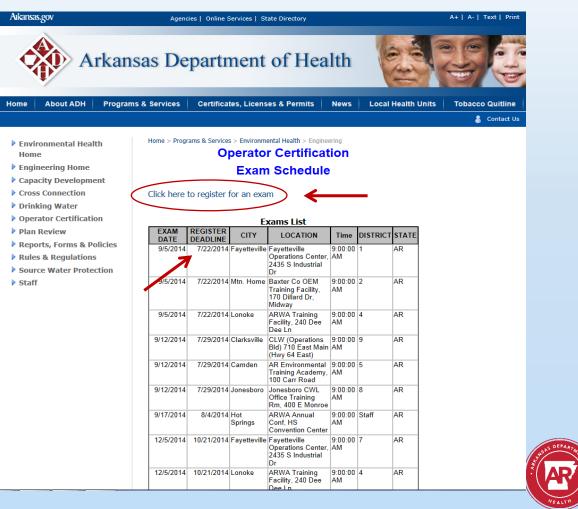
www.healthy.arkansas.gov/eng -> Operator Certification

Select a Link -> Training Schedule or Exam Schedule

Training Schedule Links



Exam Schedule



Paper Based Exam Schedule

The Water Licensing Program Offers Quarterly Exam Sessions.

(Must register 45 days in advance)

March, June, September and December



Note: Paper Based Exam sessions also held at the AWWWEA & ARWA annual conferences.



Computer Based Exams In Assessment Centers (Optional Method of Examination)

- ✓ Computer-based Arkansas Water Operator License Examinations are available utilizing PSI Services (PSI) Assessment Centers.
- ✓ This is an *optional* method of examination with an *additional* administration/facility use fee of \$69.00 per exam., paid to PSI
- ✓ This option allows exams to be scheduled with:
 - ✓ Flexibility as to day of the week (open Monday through Saturday),
 - ✓ Time of day (morning or afternoon sessions),
 - ✓ No 45 days advance registrations,
- ✓ Must have Application on file, exam fee paid and training to be approved.
 - ✓ Request approval on exam registration webpage, see Obtain License webpage





PSI Services Assessments Centers Throughout State

- ✓ To utilize PSI use exam registration website to start the process.
- ✓ The exams are administered via computer terminals in an PSI
 Assessment Centers
- √ The process is friendly towards non-computer users, allows flexibility to skip items, correct answers, etc.
- ✓ The computer-administered examination is scored at the conclusion of the exam with your score and mastery report provided to you prior to leaving the Center.
- ✓ AMP will furnish the Licensing Program your exam results.

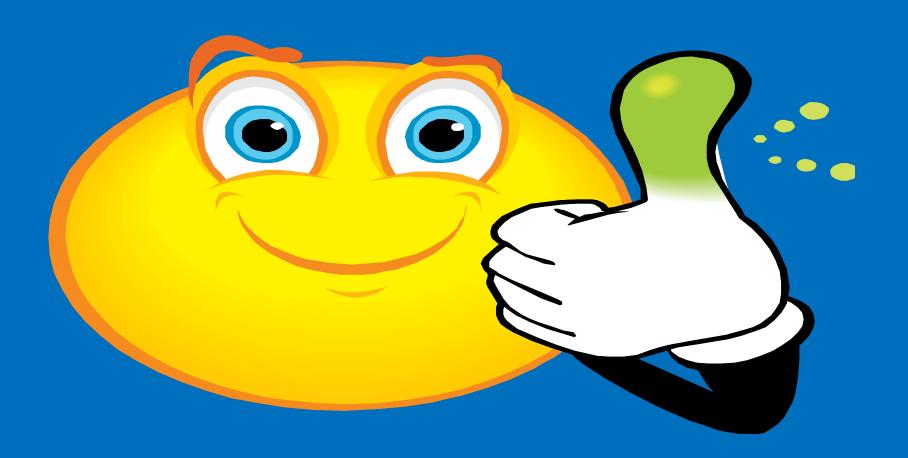


Know Your Objective

- 1 Exam per License Type
- Be sure that you are taking the correct Exam
- 110 Multiple Choice Questions for Treatment and Distribution Exams – 10 are Development Items
- 50 Multiple Choice Questions for Very Small System Exams
- 3 Hours Time Limit To Complete
 - Most Operators Complete In Allowed Time



The Minimum Exam Passing Score Is 70 Percent.





Exam Mastery Report

The Exam Mastery Report is provided after each exam is taken

- How It Determines Weak Areas
 - Gives # Correct
 - # On Exam
 - Percent Correct
 - Study Areas % Is Low
 - Study Areas With Large Number Of Questions



Experience Credit

Experience Must Be Directly Related To License Obtained

<u>Employment Background for Evaluation of Experience Credit:</u> (Be sure to begin with your present employment/job duties and start date. List your water system operation, maintenance and/or management experience and job duties for each specific job duty/position held. Attach additional information, if warranted. This list of experience and the above listed education will be evaluated to determine your compliance with the experience requirement. Incomplete or vague descriptions may delay the issuance of your license.)

FROM: (MM/DD/YY)	TO: (MM/DD/YY)	Employer's Name	Describe All Job Duties Related To License (If Job Duties Have Changed List Separately)
From:	Present		
Duties Cont'd			
From:	To:		



Validation of Experience

Experience Validation by Owner or System Representative::

(If this section is not completed any experience described above can not be considered for experience credit.)

The above named license applicant has provided an accurate and complete description of their experience to the best of my knowledge as the **Owner**, **Manager**, **or Operator in Responsible Charge** of the water system named on page 1 of this application. If there is experience described above for another water system or other related experience, I have no knowledge why this experience should not be evaluated for credit.

Print name:	Title:	
Signature:	Date:	, 20



LICENSES

EXAM PASSED





EXPERIENCE MET

LICENSE ISSUED





Operator In Training (OIT)

- OIT Is Allowed for All License Grades
 - OIT Issued Until Experience Met
 - -Renews just like regular license
 - -Duties Change / Exp Met / Lic Issued
 - -To Convert OIT To Full License
 - Submit Experience Update Form
 - Needs Adequate Experience Description
 - Proper Signatures (Yours and Your "Boss")



Keeping Your License



Renewal Training - 24 Hours

Renew License – Complete Renewal Process



Training

Water Operator Licenses must be renewed every other year regardless when a license was received.

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Example: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023
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Pandemic Response - Renewal Hours Waived for 2019 to 2021 Renewal Period

The required 24 hours of Water License Renewal Training has been divided into 2 training types.

Direct and Indirect

12 Hours Must Be Direct

Remaining Either Type



Training

Direct Training

Subjects directly applicable to the field of water supply, treatment, distribution, pumping, metering, or management; or the study of approved materials on the same subject.



Indirect Training

Subject matter such as personal operator safety, wastewater, plumbing inspection or cross-connection control (tester or repair) certification courses.





Examples of Direct and Indirect Course Types

<u>Direct</u> <u>Indirect</u>

- ARWA and AWW&WEA Annual Conferences
- AWW&WEA District Meetings
- All mandatory training for licensing exams
- Chlorine Emergency Response
- Consumer Confidence Report
- Cross Connection Control

- Wastewater courses
- Personal safety seminars (including SCBA, HazMat, Confined Space, etc.)
- Backflow Assembly Repair and Tester
- Public Relations/Customer Service
- Plumbing Inspection



Be sure to ask the trainer the status of the course as early as possible.



The trainers are required to have their courses approved prior to the day of the training and are informed whether it is **Direct or Indirect** training during the approval process.



Keep Track Of Renewal Hours

Training helps you to remain current on the Water Industry changes and updates.





Use Training ID Number, First or Last Name to Find Renewal Training Hours



Drinking Water Program Engineering Section

Check your

Renewal Training Hours

NOTE: DATABASE IS NOT COMPLETE. DISTRICT MEETINGS AND OTHER TRAINING MAY NOT BE LISTED. TRAINING NOT LISTED CAN BE ADDED TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL TRAINING REPORT AFTER PRINTING.

Search By Training ID Number Operator Name Enter the last 4 digits of your social security number and the first 3 letters of your last name then click "Search". Example 1234wsz Search 2011-2013 Renewal Search 2013-2015 Renewal

"Jim" will not find James But "J" will find both





Recording Your Training Hours (please include the following)

- Course title
- Date of the training including the year
- Location town where the course was held
- Trainer sponsor that provided the training
- Direct/Indirect
- Number of hours earned



Renewal Training Hours



Drinking Water Program Engineering Section

Record of Renewal Training Hours

SELECT your name from the list below by clicking the Select button to the left.

	ID	FirstName	LastName	System
Select	8362nut	marti	nutt	Not Provided
Select	8362NUT	Martin	Nutt	ADH
Select	8362NUT	Martin	Nutt	AR Department of Health
Select	8362NUT	MARTIN	NUTT	ARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Select	8362NUT	Martin	Nutt	Arkansas Dept of Health
Select	9915Nut	Stephen E	Nutt	City of Lewisville

Select One of
Your Select' Select
Boxes to retrieve
all your training





Drinking Water Program Engineering Section

Record of Renewal Training Hours

You may print this report and submit ALL PAGES with your license renewal.

Number	ID	LastName	FirstName	System	Class	Hours	Location	Date	Direct	Mandatory
13904	8362NUT	NUTT	MARTIN	OF	2008 AWW&WEA Conference	16	IH ot	4/28/2008 12:00:00 AM	Direct	No
15498	8362NUT	NUTT	MARTIN	ADH	arwa conference	16	HOT SPRINGS	10/29/2007 12:00:00 AM		No

Ι	certify t	that I	have	attended	the	renewal	training	listed	in	this (document	
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Signature: Date:	
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Must Be Signed



Note: If less than 24 total hours (at least 12 direct hours) are shown above, please list below additional training attended. (Provide: course name, date, location, sponsor, direct/indirect, and hours.)

Course Name	Date	Location	Sponsor	Direct/Indirect	Hours

If Adequate
Training,
Sign and
Submit With
Renewal
Documents

Additional
Training Can
Be Listed in
Provided
Table



License Renewals

- First Renewal Prorated
 - One Hour Per Month Since 1st Exam Passed
 - Mandatory Courses May Be Used
- Routine Renewal
 - No Grace Will Be Allowed
 - Short Hours No Renewal
 - License Expired
 - Short Hours Can Make Up To Re-instate
 - Have 1 Year After Expiration w/o exam
 - Make Up Hours Not Available Next Renewal



License Revocation and Suspension

- When it is found that an operator has practiced fraud or deception
- When reasonable care, judgment, or the application of the operator's knowledge or ability are not used in the performance of duties



ADH Public Water System Compliance Course



